THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE. N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The total direct and indirect tax revenue during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, is as follows:—

Year	Direct Taxes (Rs. Cr.)	Indirect Taxes (Rs. cr.)
1998-1999	46600	93732
1999-2000	57959	110081
2000-2001 (Prov.)	68087	115862

(b) The share of the State of Gujarat in direct taxes and in Central excise during the last 3 years, is as follows:—

Year	Direct Taxes (Rs. Cr.)	Central Excise (Rs. Cr.)
1998-1999	1977	8405
1999-2000	2385	9212
2000-2001	2709*	10156

*Pertains to Ahmedabad region.

(c) The allocation made to Gujarat from the tax revenue of the Government during the above three years, is as under:—

Year	Amount (Rs. Cr.)
1998-1999	1512
1999-2000	1665
2000-2001	1588

Self-Help Group Linkage Programme of NABARD in Gujarat

2511. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NABARD has been implementing a strategic action plan under Self-Help Group Linkage Programme in Gujarat;

(b) the details of banks linked with SHGs;

(c) the number of persons benefited therefrom; and

(d) what are the achievements of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As reported by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), 4929 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) were linked with banks in Gujarat as on 31 March, 2001.

(c) Approximately 84,000 families have benefited from the aforesaid programme.

(d) As on 31 March 2001, NABARD had provided Rs. 569.03 lakhs as cumulative refinance to the SHGs in Gujarat. In turn commercial banks had provided Rs. 639.11 lakhs as cumulative bank loan to these SHGs till 31.3.2001.

Stoppage of loans to Agricultural banks in Maharashtra by NABARD

2512. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NABARD has stopped giving loans to agricultural banks in Maharashtra due to refusal of guarantee to NABARD for such loan by Maharashtra Government;

(b) whether Government are aware that because of this, agricultural bank is about to be closed;

(c) whether it is also a fact that rich farmers are taking outstanding loans from these banks and poor farmers are affected by this;

(d) whether Government are taking any steps to recover loans from such rich farmers; and

(e) if so, the details of the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that it has not stopped refinance to the banks in the State of Maharashtra for want of guarantee from State Government. However, NABARD had to withhold refinance assistance temporarily to Maharashtra State Cooperative Agricultural and Rural Development Bank (MSCARDB) as the bank had been defaulting to it towards payment of interest and repayment of principal. Despite this, the refinance availment in the State has not suffered as an increased allocation was provided to other banking institutions in the State.

(b) It has been reported by Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Maharashtra that no such decision has been taken by the Government of Maharashtra.